City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2010

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: SANDRA MARKS, DIVISION CHIEF, T&ES

SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR PRIORITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

This memorandum provides an update on the status of the initiative to develop a strategy for funding of priority transportation projects. An outreach effort is underway to solicit input from citizen and stakeholder groups on the proposed list of transportation projects that might be funded by a Commercial Real Estate Tax.

The City of Alexandria is considering an initiative to collaboratively articulate a vision for transportation investments and priorities over the next 10 years. A primary objective is mobility, a cornerstone of Eco-City Alexandria and the Transportation Master Plan. It is one of City Council's seven strategic focus areas in the 2010 Strategic Plan. To accomplish this goal, one of the City's objectives is to **develop local, reliable funding mechanisms to support a fiscally constrained transportation plan.**

At its September and October meetings, the Commission received and considered a draft list of transportation projects for consideration to potentially be funded by a Commercial Real Estate Tax. The Commission will recommend a list of transportation projects for City Council consideration for inclusion in a future CIP.

The Commission will receive public input on the draft list of projects under consideration at a public hearing at its November 3, 2010 meeting.

Attachment: Draft list of Transportation Projects